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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 19, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Friday, March 19, 2021, DHHS announced 334 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 1.9%. Today's results include 222 people who tested positive by PCR test and 112 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,345 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/18: 334** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are sixty-seven individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 44% being female and 56% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (100), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (52), Strafford (46), Merrimack (19), Cheshire (13), Grafton (9), Belknap (8), Sullivan (7), Coos (5), and Carroll (2) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (29) and Nashua (27). The county of residence is being determined for seventeen new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

DHHS has also announced six additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 male resident of Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Coos County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 2 female residents of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 74 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 79,996 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 19, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	79,996
Recovered	76,438 (96%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,213 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,345

Current Hospitalizations	74
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	646,340
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	38,327
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	69,863
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	478

₁Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

₂Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

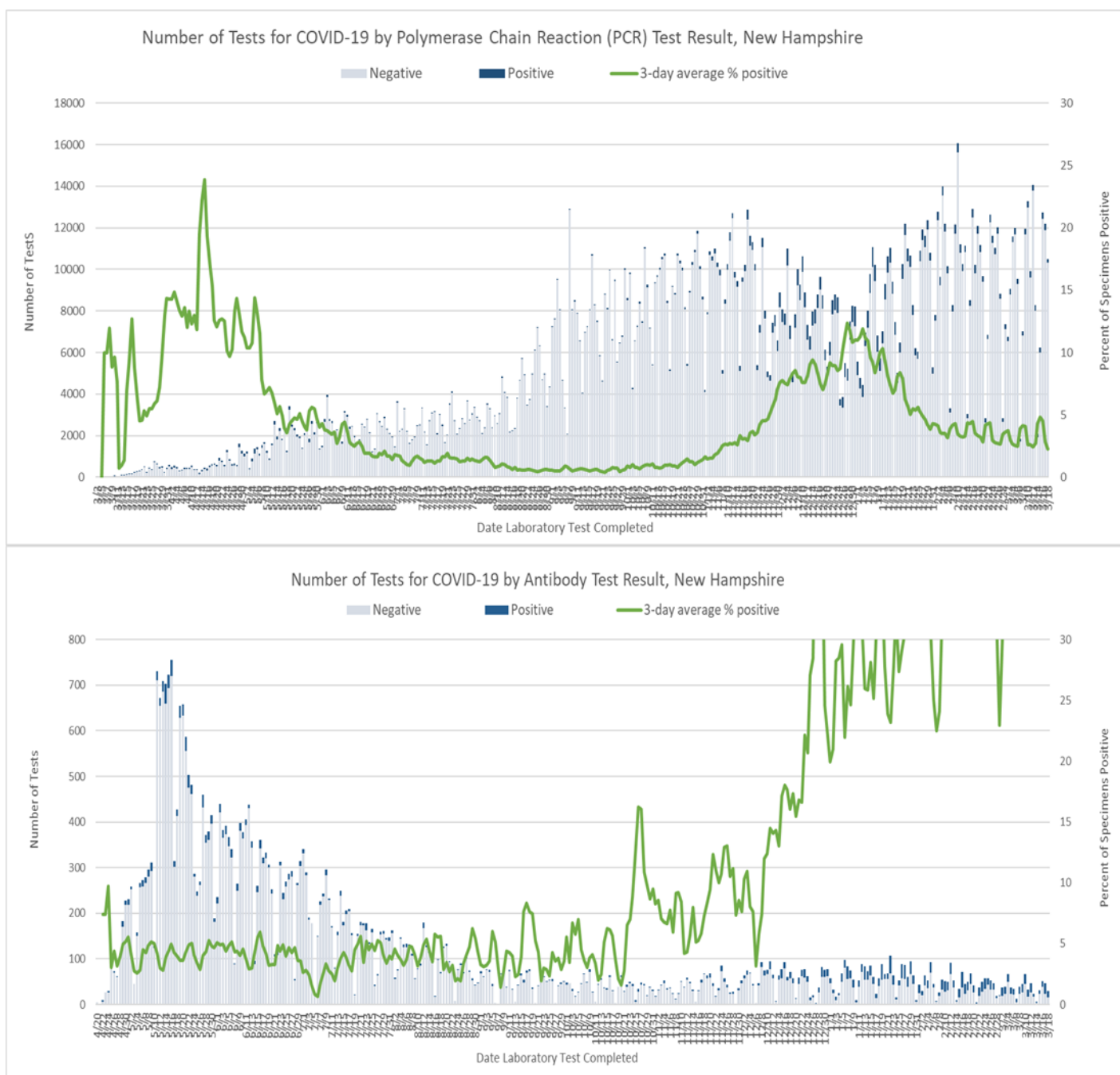
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	545	362	0	53	269	549	734	359
LabCorp	541	470	216	358	504	510	552	450
Quest Diagnostics	458	442	350	261	279	749	534	439
Mako Medical	859	4	17	0	627	482	65	293
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	572	379	167	204	524	406	102	336
NorDX Laboratory	246	166	39	66	515	341	377	250
Broad Institute	5,963	3,932	737	890	4,475	4,868	2,677	3,363
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	410	230	260	344	501	699	412	408
Other Laboratory*	411	236	227	311	524	836	409	422
University of New Hampshire**	4,042	2,047	63	3,742	4,501	2,763	4,637	3,114
Total	14,047	8,268	2,076	6,229	12,719	12,203	10,499	9,434
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	Daily Average
LabCorp	14	9	0	4	8	15	10	9
Quest Diagnostics	8	5	0	5	17	18	12	9
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	7	3	1	4	5	3	0	3
NorDX Laboratory	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1
Other Laboratory*	8	5	3	4	5	8	3	5
Total	37	22	4	20	35	45	25	27

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



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For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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